

Mr. Speaker, it is clear that County Commissioner Don Davis has ceaselessly dedicated his time and efforts to serving his county and the people of Colorado as a County Commissioner for Rio Blanco County. I am honored to bring his hard work and commitment to the attention of this body of Congress and this nation today. Thank you for all your service Don, and I wish you and Paula all the best in your future endeavors.

### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. CHARLES F. BASS

OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. BASS. Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor Sergeant Jeremiah "Jay" Holmes of Dover, New Hampshire. He bravely served the Army National Guard's 744th Transportation Company of Hillsborough, N.H., supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom. Sgt. Holmes made the ultimate sacrifice to protect his country and aid the Iraqi people when his vehicle hit a roadside bomb on a bridge near Balad, Iraq, on March 29, 2004.

I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring Sergeant Jeremiah "Jay" Holmes and our other servicemen and women who have courageously given their own lives in order to protect and defend the democracy we enjoy in America and to extend the freedoms that come with democracy to those who live in fear and oppression worldwide.

RECOGNIZING ALEX STEPHEN  
ECKARD FOR ACHIEVING THE  
RANK OF EAGLE SCOUT

### HON. SAM GRAVES

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. GRAVES. Mr. Speaker, I proudly pause to recognize Alex Stephen Eckard, son of Stephen and Linda Eckard of Saint Joseph, Missouri. Alex is a very special young man who has exemplified the finest qualities of citizenship and leadership by taking an active part in the Boy Scouts of America, Troop 45, and earning the most prestigious award of Eagle Scout.

Alex has been very active with his troop, participating in many Scout activities. Over the eight years Alex has been involved with scouting, he has earned 51 merit badges and 21 special scouting honors. Alex has participated in such major scouting activities as a Venture Trip to Quetico, Canada, New York, the Bimini Islands, Durango, Colorado, and a Junior Leadership Camp where he served on staff.

Alex helped preserve natural, botanical, and historic Saint Joseph, Missouri for his Eagle Scout project. In conjunction with Mount Mora Cemetery, Alex located, mapped, photographed, and identified all bushes and shrubs in the cemetery. Mount Mora has been working to produce a brochure detailing all trees, shrubs, and bushes in the cemetery.

Mr. Speaker, I proudly ask you to join me in commending Alex Stephen Eckard for his accomplishments with the Boy Scouts of America and for his efforts put forth in achieving the highest distinction of Eagle Scout.

### FALLEN HEROES

SPEECH OF

### HON. CHARLES B. RANGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, May 20, 2004*

Mr. RANGEL. Mr. Speaker, the minute of silence observed by Members of the House of Representatives on Thursday, May 20 was an appropriate way of showing our deep respect for the servicemen and women who have made the ultimate sacrifice while fighting for our country in Iraq.

The Democratic and Republican leaderships have invited all members to submit written statements, honoring our fallen soldiers, for publication in the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD. A special section of the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD, dedicated to Memorial Day statements, will be kept open for submissions until Thursday, June 3.

I encourage you to submit such a statement. The fallen soldiers and their families deserve our highest recognition.

### WINSTON CHURCHILL REMARKS FOR THE RECORD

### HON. TOM DELAY

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. DELAY. Mr. Speaker, I was honored to serve as Honorary Co-Chair of the Churchill Centre and Churchill Archives Centre Gala Dinner on June 1, 2004, along with Senators WARNER and LIEBERMAN and Sir David Manning, KCMG, British Ambassador to the United States.

Over the past few months and until July 10, 2004, the Churchill Centre and the Churchill Archives Centre have been instrumental in bringing the exhibit "Churchill and the Great Republic" to the Library of Congress.

This is the first major exhibit in the United States dedicated to the memory of a man who saved a nation, a leader who stood in defiance of evil, and a warrior-poet who gave voice to mankind's will to freedom.

Winston Churchill understood that the battle his nation faced in World War II was not a test of weapons as much as it was a test of will.

He understood—as a matter of fundamental reality—that evil, no matter how terrifying, only exists to the extent that people of good-will allow it to exist.

That was the lesson of World War II: that sooner or later, evil will become aggressive.

While the outside proportions of what was being prepared inside the Third Reich throughout the 1930s could hardly be imagined, the fact remains that throughout Hitler's military build-up, the continent of Europe and the rest of the world whistled past the graveyard.

And while perceptive voices—most notably that of Sir Winston himself—implored the West to act before it was too late, the West chose not to act, at a cost of 60 million lives.

Today, the civilized world faces a similar choice. An aggressive evil that spent a decade steeling itself for war finally pounced.

As we did 60 years ago, the United States and Great Britain have led a coalition in opposition to it.

That aggressive evil, while down, is not out.

What is not open to debate, it seems to me, is the need for the trans-Atlantic alliance to maintain its moral and political clarity about the war on terror.

Our enemy, like it was 60 years ago, is not so much a collection of men as a collection of ideas, or rather, a collection of lies, principal among them the lie that with enough violence and intimidation, human cruelty can subdue human freedom.

Politics aside, the responsibility today of the two nations honored by Churchill's citizenship is to remain vigilant—and vigilantly honest—about the earth's gathering storms.

Mistakes will be made, and lives will be lost, but in the end, civilization must be defended, and the sword and shield of that eternal defense must remain the cooperation and friendship of the British and American people.

That is the legacy of Churchill, a legacy which—despite our individual loyalties and prejudices—we can all agree on and honor.

### TRIBUTE TO FAYETTEVILLE- MANLIUS HIGH SCHOOL'S SCIENCE OLYMPIAD TEAM

### HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Thursday, June 3, 2004*

Mr. WALSH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in tribute to Fayetteville-Manlius High School's Science Olympiad Team which won first place in the national Science Olympiad Tournament.

The team won the regional and the New York State competitions to qualify for the national level where they competed against 53 other teams from the United States. At the tournament, there were 23 events related to science with medals given to the top five winners in each event. The Fayetteville-Manlius team brought home four Gold medals, five Silvers, one Bronze, one 4th place and two 5th places from the national competition, a truly exceptional accomplishment.

The Fayetteville-Manlius team is comprised of fifteen members and coached by Jamie Cucinotta. Team captain Jeff Izant led Brian Bayes, Christine Chin, Mary Collins, Grayson Fahrner, Leyla Isik, David Marsh, Jordan Mandel, Samiksha Nayak, Shridha Nayak, Sarah Rahaman, Zaki Rahaman, Brian Stoeckel, Bianca Verma, and Nora Ward in representing Fayetteville-Manlius so successfully at the tournament.

I would like to express my congratulations to the team for such an outstanding achievement and wish them luck in all their future endeavors.